

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:256  
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EXPORT OF ORGANIC FOOD  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details regarding India's share in the global organic food market;
- (b) the details regarding measures being taken under the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for export of organic products;
- (c) whether some complaints have been received by APEDA about the certifying agencies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to boost export of organic products?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 FOR ANSWER ON 7TH DECEMBER 2009 REGARDING "EXPORT OF ORGANIC FOOD"

(a) As per the information available from International Federation for Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM) 2009, the total global organic food market in 2007 was 46 billion US \$. As per information from Certification Bodies of APEDA, under National Program for Organic Production (NPOP), during 2008-2009, India exported 135 products under 16 categories worth US \$ 116.09 million. The main countries where Indian organic products have been exported are EU, USA, Switzerland and Japan.

(b) APEDA has taken initiatives for promotion of organic products, which include launching of National Program for Organic Production (NPOP), framing Standards for Organic production and certification scheme, laying procedure for export of certified organic products, accrediting inspection and certification agencies, updating NPOP document, development of traceability software for organic products, training programs for farmers, exporters, inspectors, domestic certification agencies, etc.

(c-d) During 2008-09, APEDA received complaints in respect of four certification bodies namely M/s CUC, Mumbai, M/s Ecocert, Aurangabad, M/s Indocert, Cochin and M/s ROCA, Jaipur. The complaints and response of Government thereon is detailed in Annexure.

(e) Government, in addition to the APEDA's initiatives, is implementing National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF); a Central Sector Scheme; for production, promotion and market development of organic farming.